

# MINUTES

## Workforce Connection

Of Central New Mexico

## Youth Council

Thursday, May 12, 2005

4:00 pm

Mid-Region Council of Governments

**Call to Order-** 4:17- by Mary Lee Martin

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum-** Adrienne Smith

### **Present**

Sandy Bowman  
Bob Davey  
Helen Lopez  
Gwen Manfre  
Mary Lee Martin  
Marty Mondragon  
Dr. Emily Salazar  
Tom Savage

**No Quorum Established**

### **Absent**

Dr. Susan Brower  
Karen Couch  
John Dantis  
Robin Jordan  
Gwen Manfre  
Maria Rinaldi  
John Sapien

*(It was determined that a quorum was not required at WCCNM Youth Council meetings, thus the meeting proceeded as normal)*

- **Approval of Thursday, May 12, 2005 Agenda**
  - Tab 1: Approval of Thursday, January 4, 2005 Minutes**
  - Tab 2: Approval of Thursday, March 10, 2005 Minutes**
    - Motion to approve all: Bob Davey**
    - Second: Marty Mondragon**
    - No Discussion**
    - Action: Passed by voice vote**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

*(The Chair asked each Youth Council member to explain their organization and interest in youth issues, more members will present at the June meeting)*

### **Tab 3. Functions of a Youth Council and Elements of a Comprehensive Youth-Serving System-** by Adrienne Smith

- Ms. Smith explained the model attached was from the California Youth Council Institute, and gives a good overview and broad picture of how a Youth Council should function.
- The attachment gave the elements of a comprehensive local youth-serving system and the functions of a youth council system.

**Questions and Comments Followed**

### **Tab 4. Report on Out-of-School Youth Program and Approach in PY05-** by Adrienne Smith and Concha Cordova

- Ms. Cordova explained the Out-of-School Youth program and the progress that has been made so far; the report was attached to the agenda for all members to review.
- There are four GED sites that have been developed by YDI: Bernalillo, Torrance, Sandoval and Valencia; each site has either a full-time or part-time instructor with varying class times.
- So far, 25 youth have been enrolled in the program with the benchmark set at 40 enrollments.
- Ms. Smith explained that the WCCNM hopes this program will be a year long endeavor in PY05.

**Questions and Comments Followed**

### **Tab 5. Report on Summer Work Academy-** by Jerilynn Sans

- Ms. Sans explained that staff has met with the Summer Work Academy mentors to review the program, eligibility, and file content.
- Both Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties are behind due to the lateness of hiring a mentor, however, we suspect success from all four counties.
- This year the program will run from May through August 19<sup>th</sup>, the transition of files to YDI to follow.
- The mentors must target graduating seniors and develop public sector job positions.
- Staff will update the Youth Council on the Summer Work Academy.

### **Tab 6. Youth Service Provider (YDI) Contract Progress Report-** by Concha Cordova

- Ms. Cordova reported that YDI has seen increasing numbers in work experience, development of worksites, and pre-employment training along with the 10 required elements.
- Transition of files was hard and there was a big learning curve for YDI to overcome, however, YDI has enrolled 214 new participants in the WCCNM youth program, and has developed 120 worksites.
- YDI will keep the Council updated on these efforts.

**Questions and Comments Followed**

## REPORTS

- **Administrative Reports-** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT**

### **Public Comment-**

- Mr. Savage commented that organizations must partner and work together in order to serve our youth. Collaboration is only way we can be successful; no one can do it alone.

**Adjournment-** 5:38 pm

## **NOTES**

### **Next Meeting:**

**Date:** June 9, 2005

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Mid-Region Council of Governments